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### Referrals of Non-Familial Sexual Assault

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Referrals of non-familial sexual assault in which there is no reason to believe that there was collusion or neglect on the part of the family or other caregiver and the alleged perpetrator is someone from outside the family unit/home and not a caregiver for the child are handled as requests for child welfare services. Non-familial sexual assault is investigated by the police/law enforcement. However, CP&P makes a referral to the County Prosecutor's Office and further screens the referral to determine whether the referral should be accepted for child welfare services.

CP&P accepts referrals of non-familial sexual assault matters when:

- there is a question as to the parent's willingness and ability to protect the child from further harm or risk;
- the police request CP&P assistance during or after the criminal investigation;
- child welfare or other support services are needed which CP&P can provide or effectively coordinate in the community;
- there is a need for a CP&P assessment of the child's and/or family's needs for services.

If the parents/caregivers react and respond appropriately to protect the child from future risk and seek any treatment needed or of benefit to the child, CP&P intervention may not be warranted.

If the parent or other caregiver colluded in the sexual assault, a child protective service investigation is made and the referral is recorded as an alleged sexual abuse incident with that parent or caregiver named as an alleged perpetrator.